

MINUTES
ALEXANDRIA HISTORICAL RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION COMMISSION
8:00 a.m.
Wednesday, Aug.12, 2015
Lloyd House, 220 North Washington Street

In Attendance: Batey, Commisso, Edouard, Heiden, Sennewald, Sprinkle, Yianilos
Excused: Barnes, Murphy
City Staff: J.Lance Mallamo, Director, Office of Historic Alexandria
Catherine K. Miliaras, Urban Planner, Historic Preservation, Planning & Zoning
Department
Guests: Charles Trozzo

Chairman John Sprinkle called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. and informed members of the National Trust Preservation Conference, October 2015 in Richmond in which Sen. Kaine will be the primary speaker.

On Open Space Institute: John Sprinkle will send a link on how to update older easements to incorporate into the new legal language.

The Minutes of the June 3, 2015 meeting were approved unanimously, motioned by Carter Batey and seconded by Michael Commisso.

ALEXANDRIA ALLEYS SURVEY

Michael Commisso stated that Gail Rothrock is working on a report and that the next meeting is Aug.25. The Committee is looking to find an intern to develop historic context for the project. This will be a topic at the upcoming NHT meeting.

POTOMAC YARD METRO STATION

Nothing new to report

WATERFRONT PLAN

Robert Sennewald reported that there is a call for proposals to re-invent the waterfront, found on the City's Waterfront. He urged members to review the City's website and the process being utilized to select a decision-consultant for the \$60Million project. A recent correspondence ,prepared by Brent Ely, concerning the Carr Motor project read that demolition will begin this fall and it is estimated that construction will take about 2 years.

In July the BAR approved the alterations for the Robinson Terminal South building at 2 Duke Street; the design for new buildings will probably be reviewed in September.

Catherine Miliaras updated members on aspects of the upcoming waterfront projects on flood mitigation and the status of the construction project now under review. Union and Gibbon Streets will be used for trucks removing dirt and construction debris from the Carr-site.

EASEMENTS

Nothing to report

HARC REPORT

Nothing to report

OHA REPORT

Lloyd House maintenance: Mr. Mallamo described the progression used by OHA to request City maintenance at Lloyd House, as well as the process used to receive VDHR approval of maintenance projects that require review by that agency as easement holder.

PLANNING & ZONING REPORT

Catherine Miliaras reported that the Contemporary Architecture Symposium held recently was a great success. A review of the development project adjacent to the Ford House on Crown View Drive is returning to the Planning Commission in September.

On Sept. 2 there will be a staff presentation on waterfront updates.

On Sept. 12 City Council will be hearing two BAR appeals:

1. 226 The Strand: Site of the future Civic Building
2. the Ramsay Homes.

On Sept.19 there will be a meeting concerning the Del Ray Historic Preservation Forum & Pattern Architecture book.

Charles Trozzo spoke about the possibility of using 226 The Strand as a museum of the Waterfront History in the first 19th and early 20th centuries.

He also spoke about the Ramsay Homes and suggested that the commission may want to weigh in on the issue, which HARC has done.

There was an extended discussion about this.

1. The City Council should uphold decision of Parker-Gray BAR until section 106 process.
2. Any pre-decision to allow demolition hampers the 106 process exposing the City to litigation and potential loss of future federal funding.
3. What the impact on National Registered Historic District will be

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to report

NEXT AHRPC MEETING DATE

The date of the next meeting was set for Wednesday, Sept 9, 2015, at 8 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Lance Mallamo, Staff to the Commission
John H. Sprinkle, Jr., Chair, AHRPC